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S.F. MAYOR'S RACE: ACHTENBERG LOOKING AT POSSIBLE RUN. CANDIDACY MAY CAUSE SPLIT.

Editor's note: Just when everything was beginning to settle down, up pops former S.F. Co. Sup./current Asst. HUD Sec. for Fair Housing Roberta Achtenberg and announces on April 3rd that she's giving very serious consideration to running for S.F. Mayor this November. Achtenberg's announcement was front page news in S.F. and when the word hit in Sacto, it was the talk of the town for 24-hours. Here is CALPEEK's update & analysis...

...Why is incumbent Mayor Frank Jordan all smiles? Despite the fact that his polling numbers are not good, the likely entry of Achtenberg into the mayor's race will certainly split the *liberal voting bloc* in S.F., thus almost assuring Jordan of at least making a runoff, and perhaps giving him a shot at a 2nd term. In addition to Achtenberg, likely candidates include Demo Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and S.F. Co. Supes Angela Alioto and Terence Hallinan...

...The most obvious question about Achtenberg's candidacy is WHY? Some suspect she's *unhappy* with Pres. Bill Clinton (the gays in the military stuff); with DC politics in general; and her HUD job (it may not be what she expected). As the highest ranking gay/lesbian in the Clinton Admin., her decision to run in S.F. has to be a setback to Pres. Clinton, who was counting on her to help him with the gay/lesbian vote in '96. On a more positive note, Achtenberg is seeing a new generation of gays & lesbians running for office and winning -- and perhaps she doesn't want to be left out...

...What are Achtenberg's chances of making a runoff? Poor to fair is the assessment of most, but not all. Her biggest problem could be money and it's not a given that all gay & lesbian leaders will march in lock step with Achtenberg. (The gay & lesbian voting base

accounts for about 20% of the S.F. vote). For example, some sources feel S.F. Co. Sup. Carole Migden will keep her commitment to Brown, as will a number of other gays & lesbians. Migden & Brown have been working together to forge closer links between the gay and minority communities, with Migden helping Brown in his bid for mayor and Brown backing her candidacy for his 13th A.D. seat in 1996...

...What sort of a campaign would Achtenberg run? She has a history of not being a "team player" (she's very independent) and has been known to run *very negative* campaigns, as she did in 1988 against John Burton. And if she goes negative on Brown (and there's lots of stuff to throw) and that allows Jordan win reelection, some sources think her name will be mud in S.F. for a very long time...

...FYI: Brown was due to make an announcement about his candidacy in mid-May. Achtenberg's surprise announcement may force Brown to move his timetable up. He can't wait much longer. Stay tuned...

HORCHER RECALL UPDATE: GLOVES COME OFF AS BARBARA STONE TRADES SHOTS WITH JIM BRULTE.

Editor's note: While Pro-Paul Horcher forces continue to mount an *uphill campaign* to defeat the May 16th 60th A.D. recall, GOP candidate Barbara Stone has blasted GOP Assembly Leader Jim Brulte for endorsing her main Republican rival, Diamond Bar Councilman Gary Miller. Here is our update & analysis...

...In a letter sent to all members of the GOP Assembly Caucus, the community college trustee accused Brulte of going back on his word to *remain neutral* in her GOP winner-take-all battle with Miller. According to her letter, Stone says that she, State Sen. Dick Mountjoy and her consultant, Bob Gouty, met with Brulte on Mar. 11. Sixteen days later, says Stone, Brulte endor-

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sed Miller with a Mar. 27th letter to district voters...

...Brulte has a different version. He told CALPEEK his usual practice is to remain neutral, but noted a recall election is very different than a regular primary or even a special. Brulte said several days after his meeting with Stone, new polling data was crunched and it showed only Miller could win and that's why he and the GOP leadership team abandoned its neutral position. Prior to the release of his endorsement, Brulte says he called Stone to inform her --- so it wasn't a shock...

...Sounds okay, but Stone supporters suspect there could be *other reasons* for Brulte's decision. For example, there has been tension between Brulte and Mountjoy recently (during the Speakership War); and Brulte and Gouty are not on friendly terms. Brulte says the decision to back Miller was not based on anything personal, but only on the polling data...

...Regardless, with Demos prepared to spend upwards of \$1.2 million to defend Horcher, sources say core Demo voters could actually elect Andy Ramirez(D), who got nearly 33% when he ran against Horcher in 1994. Brulte thinks Willie Brown will cover his bases and urge Demos to vote *for* Ramirez --- after voting NO on the recall...

...Stone's letter also takes some shots at Miller, calling him a *political loser* (he lost State senate campaigns to Frank Hill & Mountjoy); and noted that he was "censured" by the L.A. Co. GOP Central Cmt. for his negative campaign against Mountjoy. She also accuses Miller of not voting in the primaries of '84, '86 and '88, when Reagan, Deukmejian & Bush were candidates. Stay tuned...

59th A.D. SPECIAL: VERY LOW TURNOUT EXPECTED.

CALPEEK sources expect a very low turnout in the April 11th special election to replace Richard Mountjoy(R-Arcadia) in the 59th A.D. Mountjoy was elected to the State Senate last year. As of 3/31, there were 11,371 requests for absentee ballots, with 3,202 ballots already voted. Since Arcadia Councilman Bob Margett(R) was the only one who made an effort to go after AV voters, it's assumed many of these ballots will go to him. He's also the candidate with the most funding and endorsements, including the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn.(HJTA). HJTA sources say no other

candidates even bothered to contact them for the purpose of setting up an endorsement meeting. Hummm. Can Margett win this special without a runoff? Even Margett's campaign tends to downplay expectations, but if the turnout is really low, then an outright win is possible. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTION: LOUSY NEWS COVERAGE OF PRIMARY MEANS LOW VOTER TURNOUT APRIL 11.

Editor's note: While the U.S. Post Office has been doing lots of business in the past few weeks, most L.A. City insiders suspect the April 11th primary will be one of the lowest in terms of voter turnout. Here's our final update & analysis...

...It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out why the turnout will be miserable. While the print media has done a *fair job* of covering the upcoming primary, news of the election on TV has been *almost non-existent*. No surprise. Given a choice between O.J., Heidi Fleiss or the Menezes Brothers, TV news directors would rather cover the flash & trash. The exception, once again, is Century Cable TV, with its debates & candidate forums. Ditto KCRW Radio's Which Way L.A....

...Turnout, according to one source, may be in the high teens (16-19%). Four years ago the turnout was higher, but there were several spirited council races, where incumbents were in trouble. This year's primary is called the *Five & Dime*, because the only exciting council battles are in the 5th & 10th districts. All incumbents from other *even numbered* districts appear to be in good shape and should win without runoffs. And while Charter Amendments 1-8 have received some print attention, aside from #2 to remove the general managers of city departments from civil service protection, the other measures are not all that controversial. Odds of #2 passing are still rated as only 50-50, despite the fact that *Citizens to Turn L.A. Around* will have hit voters with lots of slate cards and mail. But if it wins, it will be a major accomplishment because #2 has gone down 4 times in past elections...

☒ **5th District** - When this battle to replace former Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky began, insiders were saying it was Barbara Yaroslavsky's race to win or lose. And our sources now say its possible Zev's wife could blow it. Why? She's been hit by the news media for ducking public forums & debates and she doesn't appear to have a firm grasp on key issues. In other

words, she's not been properly prepared. Former school board member Roberta Weintraub and attorney Michael Feuer, are looking much stronger, especially Feuer, who has been endorsed by the L.A. Times & Outlook. Although Barbara has more money and great name ID, sources think that any combination of the top three could end up in a June 6th runoff...

☒ **10th District** - Incumbent Nate Holden began this race as a favorite and sources still think he has a slim shot at winning without a runoff. The battle with chief rival Stan Sanders has turned personal and bitter, so much so that under-funded 3rd candidate Kevin Ross could actually get as much as 10%, thus forcing Holden and Sanders into a June runoff. We'll see. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX

Editor's note: Here's another update on who's in and who's out for House & Legislative races in 1996...

☒ **4th A.D.** - This is the Placer/El Dorado Co. district now represented by GOPer David Knowles, who is *termed out* in '96. This is very Republican turf (Demos need not apply). About 50% of the district is in Placer and 30% in El Dorado. Two serious challengers have emerged: El Dorado Co./GOP activist Bob Laurie and Placer Co. Sup. Kirk Uhler. Other GOP names to surface include CRP Sec. Dave Titus; Rocklin Mayor Kathy E. Lund; Calaveras Co. Sup. Michael Dell'Orto; former Placer Co. Sup. Phil Ozenick of Roseville; and (get this sports fans) Steve Sax, former 2nd baseman for the L.A. Dodgers and NY Yankees...

☒ **19th A.D.** - Remove the name of San Mateo Co. Sup. Mike Nevin(D) for this seat now held by Jackie Speier(D), who is *termed out* in '96...

☒ **11th A.D.** - Demo Assemblyman Bob Campbell is *termed out* in '96, but he's running for the State Senate. This seat will stay in Demo hands and it looks like those hands will belong to 30-year-old George Miller IV, eldest son of U.S. Rep. George Miller III. Young Miller is an attorney for Metropolitan Life and is a member of the Contra Costa Co. Demo Central Cmt. Not running because of Miller's entry is former Concord Councilman Ron Mullin. Contra Costa Co. Sup. Tom Torlakson is still looking. Another possible candidate is Greg Feere, ceo of the local Building Trades Council; ditto BART director/former Antioch Mayor Joel Keller...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ **Protect Prop. 13 Act** - Local government will probably scream bloody murder, but the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. and Paul Gann's Citizen Cmt. have joined forces once again and have submitted a constitutional amendment to the AG's office that requires *voter approval* of those taxes & assessments that have been imposed by local governments to *circumvent* the tax limit provisions of Prop. 13. In other words, this new initiative takes aim at the growing use of assessment districts and utility user taxes. Backers are aiming for the November '96 ballot. Sounds like a winner...

◆ **Judgeship for Wardlaw?** - CALPEEK sources say that attorney Kim Wardlaw, wife of L.A. political insider Bill Wardlaw, may be nominated for a federal judgeship...

◆ **Another Voucher Initiative?** - Backers of another school choice/voucher measure are beginning to beat the drums once again. Leading the charge is an outfit called Bay C.A.R.E. - Californians Advocating Reform in Education. Combined with holdover supporters from Prop. 174, sources say they expect to submit a measure which will qualify for the November '96 ballot. A key difference between the new initiative and the old 174: much more emphasis on educational and financial accountability (in other words, no fly-by-night operations will qualify for voucher funds). Also, Bay C.A.R.E. expects to join forces with multi-millionaire John Walton, who may help bankroll the effort...

PAT BROWN 14th ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER APRIL 19

The Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Inst. of Public Affairs at CSU-LA will host its 14th annual awards dinner, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. dinner, April 19, Beverly Hilton Hotel. For info & RSVPs ☎ (818)279-7066...

COMMONWEALTH CLUB MARKS U.N.'s 50th BIRTHDAY APR. 25 WITH HON. SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK...

The Commonwealth Club of CA will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UN-Charter Conf. (4/25/45) in S.F. with dinner honoring former Amb. Shirley Temple Black, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner & program, April 25, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. For info & RSVPs ☎ (415)697-6709...

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES & POLITICAL CALENDAR

Editor's note: Here's the most current info about the 1996 presidential primary/caucus dates and delegate counts in the 50 States. P = primary, C = caucus. And please note: some States have separate dates for each party...

<u>Date</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Demos</u>
2/12/96	Iowa(C)	25	48
2/20	New Hampshire(P)	16	20
2/24	Delaware(P)	12	14
2/27	Arizona(P)	39	44
	S. Dakota(P)	18	15
3/2/96	S. Carolina	37(P)	
3/5	Colorado(P)	26	49
	Georgia(P)	42	76
	Idaho		18(C)
	Maine		23(P)
	Maryland(P)	32	68
	Minnesota(C)	33	76
	Utah		24(C)
	Vermont	12(P)	
	Washington		74(C)
3/7	New York(P)	102	244
3/7 - 3/21	N. Dakota		14(C)
3/9	S. Carolina		49(P)
	Wyoming		13(C)
3/10	Nevada		19(C)
Super Tuesday			
3/12	Florida(P)	98	152
	Hawaii		20(C)
	Louisiana(P)	27	59
	Massachusetts(P)	37	93
	Mississippi(P)	32	38
	Missouri		76(C)
	Oklahoma(P)	38	44
	Rhode Island(P)	16	22
	Tennessee(P)	37	68
	Texas(P)	123	194
3/19	Illinois(P)	69	164
	Michigan(P)	57	128
	Ohio(P)	67	147
3/26	California(P)	163	363
	Connecticut(P)	27	53
	Vermont		15(C)
4/2/96	Kansas	31(P)	36(C)
	Wisconsin(P)	36	79
4/4	Alaska		13(C)
4/13	Virginia		79(C)
4/23	Pennsylvania(P)	73	167
4/26 - 4/27	Alaska	19(convention)	

5/3/96	Maine	15(C)	
5/4	Wyoming	20(C)	
5/7	Wash. DC(P)	14	17
	Indiana(P)	52	74
	N. Carolina(P)	58	84
5/14	Nebraska(P)	24	25
	W. Virginia(P)	18	30
5/21	Arkansas	20(P)	
	Oregon(P)	23	47
5/28	Arkansas		36(P)
	Idaho	23(P)	
	Kentucky(P)	26	51
	Washington	36(P)	
6/4/96	Alabama(P)	39	54
	Montana(P)	14	16
	New Jersey(P)	48	104
	New Mexico(P)	18	25
6/11	N. Dakota	18(P)	

States & Dates not yet determined include: Hawaii GOP Caucus(14); Missouri GOP Caucus(35); Nevada GOP Caucus(14). Utah GOP convention (28); Virginia GOP Caucus(53). Total number delegates to be selected: GOP 1,980 and Demo 4,300...

WHITE HOUSE RUN: GOP CAMPAIGN HQ PHONES.

Editor's note: Need to reach one of the Republican candidates for President?? Here are the main ☎ for those who are either IN or exploring:

Pete Wilson	(916)564-1996
Phil Gramm	(202)467-8600
Bob Dole	(202)547-2499
Arlen Specter	(202)639-9315
Richard Lugar	(317)283-8948
Bob Dornan	(703)644-2600
Pat Buchanan	(703)848-1996
Alan Keyes	(404)681-9800
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